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It is with the deepest regret that we record the death, at his home in Berkeley, on September 11, 1922, of Mr. Daniel S. Richardson, a member of this Society since March, 1894, and its Secretary and Treasurer from March, 1909, to the end of 1921. He had been in poor health for nearly a year, and, while in this condition had overtaxed his strength by his activities as a member of the Secretariat to the Japanese Delegation at the Washington Conference for the Limitation of Armaments last winter.

Born in Massachusetts nearly seventy-two years ago, he came to California with his parents when four year old, and had since then made this state his home. In his early manhood he was connected with the U. S. Embassy at the City of Mexico, and later was for many years Secretary of the San Francisco Post Office, and at one time Assistant Postmaster. He then became Foreign Secretary to the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco, a position he held at the time of his death. How greatly his services in that office were appreciated is evident from the fact that last December the Japanese Consul urged him to go to Washington notwithstanding his illness, saying that they wanted him at hand for consultation even if his illness should confine him to his room during the entire conference session.

His colleagues on the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific were at least equally appreciative of Mr. Richardson's faithfulness, his wise counsel, and his unfailing optimism. When he had to give up his office last March, they made him, by unanimous vote, a Patron of the Society, in recognition of his great services.

Mr. Richardson was a good business man, but, in addition, he was a student, a writer of both prose and verse, a lover of nature and of art, and, above all, of his fellow men. A mutual friend writes: "He had many friends, as you can well appreciate. I have known him intimately for twenty-five years, and his death will be a loss to me." It is a loss, a heavy loss, to us all.

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